

MINUTES  
PAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JUNE 15, 2010

SPECIAL MEETING

Members Present:           Johnny Woodward, Chairman, At Large  
                                  Robert Griffith, District 1  
                                  Larry Sours, District 2  
                                  J. D. Cave, District 3  
                                  Darrell Short, District 4  
                                  Jeff Vaughan, District 5

Staff Present:               Amity Moler, Finance/HR Director

**Call to Order (Special Meeting):**

Chairman Johnny Woodward called to order the special meeting of the Page County Board of Supervisors on June 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room, noting a quorum was present.

**Closed Session:**   6:30 p.m.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Griffith moved that the Page County Board of Supervisors convene in Closed Session under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act in order to discuss personnel matters relating to specific officers, appointees, or employees of the Page County Board of Supervisors for the purpose of considering such person's assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salary, discipline, or resignation, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia. Supervisor Cave seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, and Woodward.

**Exit Closed Session:**   7:01 p.m.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Griffith moved the closed meeting be adjourned and the Page County Board of Supervisors reconvene in open session. Supervisor Cave seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, and Woodward.

**Certification of Closed Meeting:**

To the best of my knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Robert Griffith	X			
Larry Sours	X			
J. D. Cave	X			
Darrell Short	X			
Jeff Vaughan	X			
Johnny Woodward	X			

Action from closed session was deferred until the Regular Meeting on June 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** 7:01 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Woodward adjourned the meeting.

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## REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: Johnny Woodward, Chairman, At Large  
Robert Griffith, District 1  
Larry Sours, District 2  
J. D. Cave, District 3  
Darrell Short, District 4  
Jeff Vaughan, District 5

Staff Present: Amity Moler, Finance/HR Director  
Regina Miller, Executive Secretary

Media & Others Present: 100 County Employees & Citizens

### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Johnny Woodward called to order the regular meeting of the Page County Board of Supervisors on June 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the General District Court Room, noting a quorum was present. This was followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the Invocation.

### **Adoption of the Agenda:**

#### **Motion:**

Supervisor Cave moved to amend the agenda to add action from closed session after the adoption of the agenda. Supervisor Vaughan seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Cave moved to accept the agenda, as amended. Supervisor Griffith seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

**ACTION MATTERS**

**Action from Closed Session:**

**Termination of Dr. Thomas Cardman:**

**Motion:**

Supervisor Cave moved to immediately terminate the position of Dr. Thomas Cardman, both as Page County Administrator and Director of Economic Development, effective immediately. Supervisor Vaughan seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

Chairman Woodward indicated that, according to Virginia Code, due to the termination of the County Administrator, the position falls to him as Chairman of the Board. Therefore, he is the Acting County Administrator from this point forward until the Board appoints another individual.

**Adoption of the FY 2010-2011 Budget:**

Supervisor Cave remarked that he was in favor of adopting the budget provided that the Board could make more reductions in the coming weeks, specifically in Information Services and County Administrator budgets. He said the Board had also discussed allocating \$20,000 of the Transient Occupancy Tax money to the Luray Downtown Initiative.

Chairman Woodward indicated that the Economic Development Department could be abolished. He said that in a previous meeting a statement was made to take the contribution to the volunteer fire departments and rescue squads away and use it to pay salaries. He clarified that there has not been discussion among the Board to take this money from the volunteer agencies.

Supervisor Vaughan commented that the Board needs to understand that this is a budget and modifications can be made later, as necessary. Whoever is the County Administrator needs to make sure there is continuity within the departments as well as within the community. He said morale motivation is also important, but it does not currently exist within the County workforce.

Supervisor Short expressed concern with cutting the tax collector positions during a time when the County needs money. In the future, the Board needs to get ideas from Mr. Campbell and Mr. Suddith on ways to make the budget work better.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Vaughan moved to adopt the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget. Supervisor Cave seconded and the motion failed due to a tie vote (3-3). Aye: Cave, Vaughan, Woodward. Nay: Griffith, Sours, Short.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Vaughan moved to accept the Resolution on the Administration of the FY 2010-2011 Budget. Supervisor Short seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

#10-18

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FY 2010-2011 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Page County Board of Supervisors has considered and reviewed many budget requests and presentations;

WHEREAS, the County Administrator, Department Heads, and Agency Heads have made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the Board of Supervisors to set forth policies on the administration of the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Treasurer is permitted to issue as a Treasurer's check the following:

1. Sales Tax Disbursements to the three towns.
2. The following revenue refunds:
  - Building and Zoning Permits erroneously assessed (per Building or Zoning Official with approval of County Administrator)
  - Building and Zoning cash bond deposit refunds (Special Agency Non-budgeted funds)
  - Spaying and Neutering Deposits (Special Agency Non-budgeted funds).

This authorization applies only to the items listed above, however the Treasurer already has authorization for refunds of erroneous assessments by the governing body given on September 19, 2006 and authorization to settle with the Commonwealth, without order from the governing body, for state revenues, or other items collected and remittable by him to the State Treasurer (Virginia Code §58.1-3162).



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Treasurer is permitted to transfer funds out of the General Fund to other County government funds to provide the cash necessary to cover budgeted and appropriated expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that any grants herein budgeted and appropriated be expended only for the amount that has been actually received as revenue.

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**Motion:**

Supervisor Vaughan moved to adopt the FY 2010-2011 Comprehensive Services Act Budget. Supervisor Sours seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0, with 1 abstention. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Vaughan, Woodward. Abstain: Short.

#10-19  
ADOPT THE FY 2010-2011  
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a duly advertised public hearing;  
and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received comment from staff and citizens and weighed the needs of the Comprehensive Services Act program with the need to provide support for all County services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Page County Board of Supervisors does hereby budget and appropriate a Comprehensive Services Act Budget of \$2,416,741 for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that the local tax-supported expenditure of funds for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for the Comprehensive Services Act Budget is \$666,041.

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**Motion:**

Supervisor Vaughan moved to adopt the FY 2010-2011 Social Services Budget. Supervisor Sours seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0, with 1 abstention. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Vaughan, Woodward. Abstain: Short.

#10-20  
ADOPT THE FY 2010-2011  
SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has held a duly advertised public hearing;  
and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received comment from staff and citizens and weighed the needs of the social services with the need to provide support for all County services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Page County Board of Supervisors does hereby budget and appropriate a Social Services Operating Budget of \$2,463,392 for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that the local tax-supported expenditure of funds for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for the Social Services Operating Budget shall not exceed \$443,625.

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Supervisor Short indicated that he voted against the budget because he would have voted to increase the tax rate. It appears that the County will be in the same financial situation next year, unless there is more revenue. Chairman Woodward informed the Board that they could still potentially increase the tax rate. Charlie Campbell, Commissioner of the Revenue, clarified that the Board has the authority to change the tax rate until September 1<sup>st</sup>, according to the Code of Virginia. Supervisor Short continued that the Building Inspections revenue is projected at \$181,715 for next year, but the current year is about \$83,000. He said the building industry is currently not good and he was concerned about the difference in the current actual revenue versus next year's projected amount. If the County starts missing the revenue projections, then the Board does not have a balanced budget.

Supervisor Cave mentioned that when it comes to drafting and balancing the budget, as the Board has been doing since February, the idea of raising taxes is the easy way out to take care of the shortfall. The problem is that the Board will be faced with the same problem next year of increasing taxes. The County needs to start living within its means.

Supervisor Vaughan addressed several areas where he felt the proposed budget could be modified. The Economic Development Department could be reduced from \$299,436 to \$161,000. The current Chamber of Commerce amount is \$195,000 and he would like to recommend it be \$175,000, with the other \$20,000 to go to the Luray Downtown Initiative (LDI); however, he expressed concern with giving \$20,000 to (LDI) and the fact that the Board should not slight the Town of Stanley or the Town of Shenandoah. In previous years, funding was included to all three localities for various programs. He outlined that when appropriating to the towns it should be done on a per capita formula.

Supervisor Griffith stated that it was brought to his attention that included in the proposed budget is funding of \$1.1 million for the construction of a new landfill cell and it was asked of him, why we need the cell now. Chairman Woodward mentioned that, according to the former County Administrator, the cell is being filled sooner than

anticipated. Amity Moler, Finance/HR Director, pointed out that the last two cells that were constructed cost \$792,844 in 2006 and \$867,000 in the current year.

Supervisor Sours indicated that he voted no on the budget adoption due to one reason as cited by Mrs. Moler. He said he received his budget information from the County Administrator, who the Board just terminated. How many more budget figures will the Board find that need to be changed? According to state code, the County must have a balanced budget, but it needs to be balanced correctly. He suggested that the Board meet with Mrs. Moler to review the budget amounts again and make sure they are correct.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Cave moved to reduce the Economic Development Department budget from \$299,436 to \$161,000 and to adopt the Resolution to approve the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget. Supervisor Vaughan seconded and the motion failed due to a tie vote (3-3). Aye: Cave, Vaughan, Woodward. Nay: Griffith, Sours, Short.

After discussion, the Board agreed to meet further to discuss and finalize the budget on June 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**Special Entertainment Permit/Marlow Ford:**

Kevin Henry, Planning Director, indicated that a request was received from Marlow Ford for a special entertainment permit for Marlow Ford's Customer Appreciation Day, scheduled for June 26, 2010. They have provided an outline addressing Section 55 of the Page County Code. Marlow Ford has held a similar event in the past, with no violations. He then recommended approval of the permit.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Cave moved to approve the special entertainment permit for Marlow Ford. Supervisor Sours seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

**Advertising Contribution for Bluegrass Festivals:**

Chairman Woodward noted that this is a request for an advertising contribution to promote the Caverns Shrine Club bluegrass festival fundraiser for Shriners Hospital. It was noted that this event is tied directly to tourism.

Kyle Miller explained that this will be the sixth year for the festival. He pointed out that this attracts many tourists to the area and that advertising is needed to promote the event so people will come. He noted that they advertise on the radio in the Metropolitan area and south-central Virginia, in the Bluegrass Unlimited Magazine twice a year, and in newspapers. He said about \$5,000 has been spent for advertising a year.

Supervisor Cave remarked that his radio stations run the advertisements for Shriners for a donation at no charge. He said he was approached by Mr. Miller to see if the County,

through the Transient Occupancy Tax funds, could give a donation to help them with the advertising.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Vaughan moved to contribute \$2,500 to this program. Supervisor Short seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 3-2, with 1 abstention. Aye: Short, Vaughan, Woodward. Nay: Griffith, Sours. Abstain: Cave.

**VRS Member Contribution Pick-Up Resolution:**

Mrs. Moler explained that the County currently pays the 5% member contribution for full-time employees, under the Virginia Retirement System. Effective July 1, 2010, VRS is offering a new Plan 2 where employees will pay the 5% member contribution through salary reduction on a pre-tax basis according to Internal Revenue Code Section 414(h). However, the County may elect to pay some or all of the 5% member contribution on behalf of the Plan 2 employees. To do so, the County must submit a resolution to VRS. The Board must make a decision by June 30, 2010 and notify VRS of its decision. The decision would be for new employees to contribute the entire 5% through a pre-tax salary reduction, the entire 5% paid by the County, or the County could pay between 1% to 5% and the employee can pick-up the difference.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Vaughan moved for the County to pick-up the 5% VRS member contribution for employees for fiscal year 2010-2011. Supervisor Short seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

**School Board Resolution – Request for Interfund Transfer:**

Barbie Stombeck, School Board Director of Finance, explained that the School Board budget is divided into eight different expenditure categories, which total the lump sum of the budget. Usually at the end of the fiscal year, a request is made to the Supervisors for interfund transfers moving money from one category to another, in order to balance the accounts at the end of the year. At this point, the School Board passed a resolution requesting an interfund transfer. The school system is at the point where there are expenditures in the Technology category, which exceed the budget and they have more than enough budget authority in the Instruction category. Therefore, they are requesting to move those funds that they need from Instruction to Technology so bills can be paid between now and June 30. This request does not increase the total amount or the amount of money coming from the County, but is moving budget authority from one category to another. The amount of the requested transfer is \$96,441.60.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Cave moved to approve the interfund transfer resolution of \$96,441.60 from the Instruction category to the Technology category. Supervisor Sours seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

**School Board Resolution – Installation of Updated HVAC (Stanley Elementary School):**

Dr. Randy Thomas, Division Superintendent, presented this Resolution as an informational item so as not to confuse the current budget with next fiscal year's budget. He noted that there are 13 classrooms at Stanley Elementary School that have an HVAC system that is going bad and parts are becoming difficult to find. Bids were received from two companies and J. Rex Burner was the low bid at \$144,975 to replace the 13 HVAC units. The School Board is requesting that this project be paid from arbitrage funds. He did not request action from the Board, but asked that this item be placed on the Board's agenda for their first meeting in July.

**School Board Resolution – Change Order 29L (Luray High School Project):**

Dr. Thomas indicated that the School Board adopted a Resolution for change order 29L for the Luray High School construction project. This is the last change order for Luray High School in the amount of \$444.22. He noted that the final bill for Luray High School was \$27,626,361.44 and the change orders have totaled approximately \$77,500. He then requested approval of the change order by the Supervisors.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Cave moved to approve the Resolution requesting funds for change order 29L in the amount of \$444.22. Supervisors Sours seconded and the motion carried by a roll call vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

**Budget Changes:**

Mrs. Moler briefly reviewed the budget changes with the Board.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Cave moved to appropriate the requested amounts as detailed in the attachments in the agenda in the total amount of \$17,100. Supervisor Vaughan seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

**Supplemental Appropriations Approved**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>Expenditure Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Crime Prevention	Additional Revenue	Client Maintenance Fees	Crime Prevention	\$100
Sheriff	Additional Revenue	Commonwealth	Sheriff	\$17,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$17,100</b>

**Board and Commission Appointments:**

Regina Miller, Executive Secretary, reviewed the Board and Commission appointments with the Board as follows:

Lord Fairfax Emergency Medical Services Council:

The term of Jill Young expires on June 30, 2010. Ms. Young has served on the Board for one term and is eligible to serve a second three year term. She would like to continue serving.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Vaughan moved to reappoint Jill Young to the Lord Fairfax Emergency Medical Services Council for a three year term, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013. Supervisor Sours seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

Social Services Board:

The terms of Fred Fielding (District 1) and Louise Kyger (District 5) will expire on June 30, 2010. Both, Mr. Fielding and Ms. Kyger, are eligible for reappointment. In addition, Gerald Cabbage was appointed as the Board's representative for 2010. The Board will need to select another member to fill that seat.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Griffith moved to reappoint Fred Fielding to the Social Services Board, as the District 1 representative, for a four year term, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014. Supervisor Short seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Vaughan moved to reappoint Louise Kyger to the Social Services Board, as the District 5 representative, for a four year term, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014. Supervisor Griffith seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Cave moved to appoint Darrell Short to the Social Services Board, as the Board of Supervisors representative for the remainder of 2010. Supervisor Vaughan seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

Economic Development Authority:

Monte Layman has resigned as the District 2 representative on the EDA. Supervisor Sours would like to nominate Jon Phillips to fill the unexpired term.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Sours moved to appoint Jon Phillips to the Economic Development Authority, as the District 2 representative, for an unexpired term through January 31, 2012. Supervisor Vaughan seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.



Planning Commission:

Since Supervisor Short was the District 4 representative on the Planning Commission and has been appointed to the Board of Supervisors, another individual will need to be appointed to fill his unexpired term on the Commission.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Short moved to appoint James Holsinger to the Planning Commission, as the District 4 representative, for an unexpired term through January 11, 2014.

Supervisor Vaughan seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

Comprehensive Policy and Management Team (CPMT):

According to the Code of Virginia, the governing body of each jurisdiction must appoint a Community Policy and Management Team, which has the responsibility for implementing the requirements of the Comprehensive Services Act, including the expenditure of funds appropriated by the localities and allocated by the State. The minimum mandatory membership of each team must include the local agency heads or their designees from the Community Services Board, Department of Social Services, Health Department, Juvenile Court Services Unit, School Division, as well as, a parent representative, a private provider representative, and at least one elected or appointed official. The following individuals have agreed to serve on the CPMT: Mark Gleason, Community Services Board; Pat Koontz, Department of Social Services; M. Scott Dowden, Health Department; Julie Van Winkle, Juvenile Court Services Unit; Donna Whitley-Smith, School Division; Dane Byers, Private Provider Representative; Robyn Griffith, Parent Representative; and Amity Moler, CSA Fiscal Agent/Appointed Official. The term for these individuals would be for one year beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

**Motion:**

Supervisor Short moved to appoint the following individuals to the Page County Community Policy and Management Team effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011: Mark Gleason (Community Services Board); Pat Koontz (Department of Social Services); M. Scott Dowden (Health Department); Julie Van Winkle (Juvenile Court Services Unit); Donna Whitley-Smith (School Division); Dane Byers (Private Provider Representative); Robyn Griffith (Parent Representative); and Amity Moler (CSA Fiscal Agent/Appointed Official). Supervisor Griffith seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

Board of Equalization:

Appointments will need to be made to the Board of Equalization prior to January 1, 2011. The Board will need to recommend appointees to the Circuit Court for appointment. In order to be eligible for appointment, each prospective member of such board shall attend and participate in the basic course of instruction given by the Department of Taxation. Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, the Board of Equalization shall be composed of not less than three or more than five members. Thirty percent of

the members of the board shall be commercial or residential real estate appraisers, other real estate professionals, builders, developers, or legal or financial professionals, and at least one such member shall sit in all cases involving commercial, industrial or multi-family residential property, unless waived by the taxpayer. The term of the Board shall expire one year after the effective date of the assessment for which they were appointed.

**DMV/NADA Fees:**

Charlie Campbell, Commissioner of the Revenue, informed the Board that he received notification from DMV in Richmond that due to state budgetary cut backs they would no longer provide pertinent information for assessment purposes to localities for free, thus saving DMV \$100,000 annually. The cost to the County would be \$2,609.73 for the service. He said he previously contacted Dr. Cardman on several occasions to inform the Board so they could make a decision; however, the deadline to notify DMV was today and the form was not returned, since this is the first notification the Board has received. Therefore, he contacted DMV and they advised him that if the County needs that service it may be available after January 1, 2011 for a fee.

No action was taken by the Board on this matter at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Terry Pettit, Page County Fire and Rescue Association, explained that this organization represents over 300 volunteer members, who provide services to the citizens of the County, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. He thanked the Board for not reducing the contribution to the fire departments and rescue squads. The money allocated by the County is a large part of each agencies income. Even though they spend many hours in fundraising activities, this funding assures that the members can spend more time in the necessary training and answering the calls. We all must work together to overcome our budget problems and must learn to multi-task. We must trust our leadership to lead us in the right direction. This is what the fire departments have been doing for over 100 years in this country. He expressed appreciation for each Board member taking the time to meet with the Association as well as returning phone calls and attending the Association meeting. These simple gestures go a long way to improve relationships between emergency services and local government. He stressed that even though donations are down, their service in this community will not suffer. Page County is fortunate to have the large number of volunteers and dedicated citizens. If it were not for the volunteers, the cost to the taxpayers would be in the millions.

Terry Pettit, Stanley Town Manager, indicated that the Town has received funding from the County for the last two years in the amount of \$5,000 for tourism and was told that the same amount was given to the other two towns. He felt that if the County gives \$20,000 to Luray Downtown Initiative, then the other two towns should receive the same amount.

Ben Endicott addressed the Board on behalf of Luray Volunteer Rescue Squad. He thanked the Board for not reducing funding to the Squad for next fiscal year.



Doris Lansberry questioned the allocation of \$1.1 million for the construction of a new cell at the Battle Creek Landfill. She stated that there is no relationship between the overfill that occurred under the previous operator, and the life of the new cell. There was an overfill 1,610,000 cubic yards of waste under the old operator. The life expectancy of cell 9 is at least 4-5 years. The previous cell, number 8, had a life of 4+ years. If cell 9 is filling up quickly, then the citizens will have a problem because that means the life of the landfill is being used up far more than anticipated. She said that she would like to see something in writing to justify what that amount of money is being budgeted for FY 2011 or FY 2012.

Jo Ann Smeltzer stated that after reading last week's edition of the *Page News & Courier*, it appears that the Chairman of the EDA and the letter submitted by Bill Shuler suggests that EDA will continue to market and develop Project Clover. She then requested the Board adopt a Resolution to rescind the December 9, 2008 Resolution of support for Project Clover. By adopting a new Resolution, the lenders, USDA and the local banks, will understand that Page County tax dollars will not fund Project Clover. Also, since taxpayers are required to pay over \$700,000 a year for the next 35 years for the USDA landfill loan, she expressed that citizens should know more about the expenditures at the landfill. She then requested, under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, a copy of Form RD 442, Statement of Budget and Income and Equity, and the current rate schedule. This form is required by USDA for the \$13 million landfill loan and is to be submitted to USDA 30 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.

John Rogerson thanked the Board for their earlier action regarding personnel. He also stated that he would like to see new members on the EDA. Secondly, the Board needs to be stricter with expense accounts and should require receipts. The County credit cards are an open invitation for employees misuse them. He then expressed concern over the Warren County contract for solid waste disposal noting that the landfill will be used up by their trash. This is the only county in the state making money off of trash at Page County's expense. Lastly, he credited Supervisor Short with having an open mind.

Natalie Zuckerman commented regarding the County's financial condition. She stated that the Board cannot make reductions by 10% in every department, without looking at what is important and what is not. She suggested that the Board consider appointing a budget committee who can meet with the departments in a conversational manner. She mentioned that positions are people who have worked hard for the County. Secondly, she asked the Board to look at the budget process. The process is backwards, because the tax rate is set, then the budget is adopted. It needs to be reversed so that when the tax rate is set, it is done with full knowledge of what will be cut.

Randy Howan commented that the cells constructed at the landfill could not have been constructed at a more expensive time. If they are constructed now, it should be cheaper. Regarding schools, the School Board voted to close Grove Hill Elementary

School. He expressed that it is important for the Board to meet with every department. Lastly, the Board needs to get a handle on spending.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Motion:**

Supervisor Sours moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Financial reports for the period of May 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010;
- Accounts payable checks, payroll checks, payroll direct deposits, and payroll tax related electronic fund transfers totaling \$1,257,751.40;
- Minutes of April 29, 2010, May 4, 2010, May 11, 2010, May 13, 2010, May 18, 2010, and May 25, 2010.

Supervisor Short seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business for the Board to consider.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Storage Space for the Jail Kitchen:**

Sheriff John Thomas explained that the Jail Cook has requested storage space for dry goods. Currently, the storage space for frozen products is outside in a former garage. The kitchen was designed to cook for 25 inmates; however, they average 75-85 inmates. On the west side of the building, directly outside the kitchen, the window can be turned into a door and a 12 x 14 storage room added onto the building. It has been reviewed and approved by the Building Official. The approximate cost of materials is \$6,500, which would come from the current year budget, with the addition constructed using inmate labor. He asked the Board to set this amount aside and he will report back with a drawing of what the addition will look like.

### **Motion:**

Supervisor Vaughan moved to allow Sheriff Thomas to carryover \$6,500 for storage space for the jail kitchen. Supervisor Cave seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Griffith, Sours, Cave, Short, Vaughan, Woodward.

## **SUPERVISORS TIME**

Supervisor Vaughan remarked that the County is going through difficult times and the Board needs to regroup for continuity. He thanked the volunteers throughout the County for their time and service. When it comes to the tax rate, the Board should prepare expenditures and sources of revenue on an annual basis and plan for a small percentage increase each year. The Board needs to ensure the taxpayers that they have made the necessary cuts and are spending the money in the right departments. The departments need to multi-task and work as efficiently as possible, with technology, in order to obtain the greatest return on taxpayer investment.

Supervisor Short commented that the budget reductions impact everyone. He has three children who will all go to a different elementary school in the fall, but they will be fine and will receive a good education because he will make sure of it. He then encouraged all parents to give their children the positive attitude and tell them that no matter what school they attend, they will be successful if they want.

Supervisor Cave thanked everyone for attending the meeting, especially the fire department and rescue squad volunteers. Regarding the budget, he felt that the numbers will not change. He assured that the Board has the best interest of the citizens at heart. Even though there are tough decisions to be made, this Board is prepared to make them.

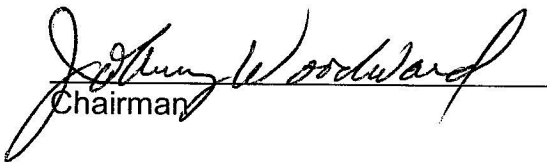
Supervisor Sours thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He said the Board will review the budget numbers one more time, especially the amount for the new cell at the landfill.

Supervisor Griffith also expressed appreciation for everyone who attended. The Board is going to review the budget information one more time. The Board has to make tough decisions, but must have the right information. Therefore, it is the duty of the Board to question the advice and direction the staff gives. The Board has to take the reins of the County because the Board works for the citizens and the staff works for the Board.

Chairman Woodward thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and getting involved. He expressed appreciation for the citizen's input. He also expressed appreciation to the volunteers, Commissioner of the Revenue's staff, Treasurer's staff, and Administrative staff.

**Adjourn:** 8:32 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Woodward adjourned the meeting.

  
Chairman